



Executive summary of Statistics Portugal and ONA Annual Activities Report 2018

The development of the activity of Statistics Portugal and the Other National Authorities (ONA) in 2018 had as its main framework the established in the 2018-2022 General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity (LGAE0) and in the European Statistical Programme for the period 2018-2020, at the national and European levels respectively.

The objectives defined in 2018 for Statistics Portugal, within its Assessment and Responsibility Framework (QUAR), whose fulfilment is assessed in the context of this report, took into account the Mission, Vision and Values statements established for Statistics Portugal in this time horizon, in a logic of continuity of the ongoing strategy of recent years, and report to its annual Activity Plan.

Effectiveness Objectives:

- ▶ O1. Extend the offer of official statistical information and improve its accessibility.

Efficiency Objectives:

- ▶ O2. Pursue the introduction of technologically evolved and respondent-friendly collection modes, seeking gains in time and quality in their responses.
- ▶ O3. Intensify the process of appropriation of administrative and geo-spatial data for statistical purposes, aiming namely at reducing the statistical burden and increasing the quality of national official statistics.

Quality Objectives:

- ▶ O4. Provide, in a timely manner, quality official statistical information relevant for society.
- ▶ O5. Improve communication with Society, aiming both to raise its level of Statistical Literacy regarding the correct understanding and use of statistical information, and to make it aware of its responsibility in the production of quality official statistics, as regards the response to Statistics Portugal's surveys.

Of the wide range of activities undertaken by Statistics Portugal and the ONAs throughout 2018, the following are worth highlighting:

- ▶ The start of implementation of the National Data Infrastructure (IND) at Statistics Portugal, with the aim of intensifying the use and integration of data in the production of statistical information, using the entire production chain, from the development of platforms, applications and algorithms, data collection and validation, to the analysis of statistical information.
- ▶ The documental systematisation and development of Statistics Portugal's Information Security Management System (ISMS), having as guidance the NP ISO/IEC 27001:2013, the applicable legislation and regulations and the recommendations of the European Statistical System and Eurostat regarding information security.
- ▶ The continuous improvement work on the Statistics Portugal's portal, until it is fully redesigned as part of the SAMA 2020 application, as well as on several areas of the dissemination and communication component and on the promotion of statistical literacy.

a) Within the scope of **reducing the costs and burden** on respondents and **data collection processes**:

- ▶ The actions of inter-institutional articulation for the increasing appropriation of administrative and other data for statistical purposes continued, aiming in particular at reducing the burden on respondents. Within this context, of note is Statistics Portugal's participation in the SIMPLEX+ Programme, through the actions "Single Information at Statistics Portugal+" and "Statistics Portugal's Online Surveys" (application to the Information and Knowledge Society – Household Survey).
- ▶ Continuation of the strategy of getting closer to the respondents, namely by providing feedback information to the companies that answer the surveys by webform.
- ▶ Intensification of electronic data collection in business surveys, with an annual result of 98.3% of potential responses obtained this way through the portal (WebInq).
- ▶ Intensification of the use of telephone (CATI) and web-based (CAWI) collection modes for household surveys.

b) Within the scope of **statistical production/dissemination**:

- ▶ Availability of 99.0% of the statistical information foreseen in the Activity Plan (for Statistics Portugal and the ONAs), 96.3% on schedule or ahead of schedule. Statistics Portugal recorded 98.3% on schedule or ahead of schedule.
- ▶ Completion of the preparatory work for the 2019 Agricultural Census, namely the approval of the Resolution of the Council of Ministers no. 40/2018 (which creates the 2019 Agricultural Census Monitoring Commission) and the definition of the global plan for this census operation.



- ▶ Continuation of the preparation of the 2021 Population and Housing Censuses, with the completion of the 2018 Test Survey and respective implementation report; and definition of the variables to be observed in the Censuses in the context of the Ad-hoc Section for Monitoring the 2021 Censuses of the Statistical Council.
- ▶ Continuation of the construction of the Resident Population Database, for the future regular provision of information on census variables.
- ▶ Completion of the 2017 Fruit and Olive Trees Planting Survey (dissemination in March 2018).
- ▶ Completion of the 2nd edition of the Framework Regulation Costs Survey addressed to non-financial companies (dissemination in July 2018).
- ▶ Completion of the International Sourcing Survey as part of the development of globalisation statistics (dissemination in October 2018).
- ▶ Start of work on the change of basis of the Portuguese National Accounts, for the reference year 2016 (to be disseminated in 2019).
- ▶ Production of the Symmetric Input-Output Matrices for the year 2015 (dissemination in November 2018).
- ▶ Development of the new edition of the 2016 Social Economy Satellite Account and the 2018 Volunteer Work Survey (to be disseminated in 2019).
- ▶ Improvement of the methodology for calculating the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), namely through the application of automatic price collection (Web Scraping).
- ▶ Start of publication of a flash estimate of the CPI/HICP (dissemination since January 2018).
- ▶ Implementation and dissemination of the New Housing Construction Cost Index in the 2015 base, including the respective retropolation and the methodological documentation (dissemination in December 2018).
- ▶ Preparation of the 2019 National Health Survey (to be conducted in 2019).
- ▶ Quarterly release of the House Prices Statistics at Local Level, for cities with more than 100 thousand inhabitants and Metropolitan Areas, with the provision of a new interactive platform for the exploration of georeferenced data, responsive to mobile devices (dissemination in January, May, July and October 2018).
- ▶ Dissemination of a publication with the final data from the Mobility Survey, called “Mobility and functionality of the territory in the Metropolitan Areas of Porto and Lisbon - 2017” (dissemination in November 2018).
- ▶ Implementation of electronic collection in the production of statistics on Accidents at Work. [GEP/MTSSS]
- ▶ Anticipation of the dissemination of results from statistical operations on Personnel Tables, Strikes, Occupational Safety and Health and Accidents at Work. [GEP/MTSSS]
- ▶ Conduction of a pilot survey on Special Needs in Higher Education Establishments, with reference to the academic year 2017/18 (dissemination in June 2018). [DGEEC/MEd|MCTES]
- ▶ Dissemination of the definitive results of the 2017 Survey on the National Scientific and Technological Potential (in December 2018) which, for the first time, occurred in the same year as the launch of the statistical operation. [DGEEC/MEd|MCTES]
- ▶ Conclusion of the implementation of the project of the new subsystems for processing and dissemination of the Justice Statistics Information System adopting more user-friendly and graphical ways of presenting the official statistical data. [DGPJ/MJ]
- ▶ Preparation of a study incorporating the mapping of internal crime tables to the International Classification of Crimes for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) and a proposal for the automation of statistical calculations, enabling Portugal to respond to various requests for data from Eurostat and the United Nations. [DGPJ/MJ]
- ▶ Creation and dissemination of fishing quota indicators on the Official Statistics Portal. [DGRM/MM]
- ▶ Availability of the publication “Energia em Portugal - Principais Números” (Energy in Portugal - Main Figures) (2007-2016). [DGEG/MATE]

c) Within the scope of **external statistical cooperation**:

- ▶ Active participation in European structures, in particular those of the European Statistical System (ESS), namely in its Committee and intensification of partnerships with Member States and Eurostat, in accordance with the objectives defined in the 2020 Vision for the ESS.
- ▶ Participation in the meetings of the Working Party on Statistics of the Council of the European Union (EU).
- ▶ Involvement in ESSnets of great relevance in the EU, such as European System of Interoperable Statistical Business Registers (ESBR), ESSneT Big data and Centre of Excellence on Seasonal Adjustment, among others.
- ▶ Participation in European task forces at European level, namely within the scope of the following projects: Population and Housing Censuses, Big data, Globalisation, Digital Dissemination and Communication (DIGICOM), micro-data exchange, among others.
- ▶ Participation in the European Statistical Forum (European Statistical System and European System of Central Banks).
- ▶ Implementation of the Action Plan arising from the recommendations of the Peer Review exercise on Portugal, within the scope of the European Statistics Code of Practice.



- ▶ Completion of the implementation of the CPLP Programme for Capacity Building of the National Statistical Systems of the African countries having Portuguese as official language and East Timor and preparation of a proposal for a second CPLP multi-annual statistical cooperation programme (2010-2022).
- ▶ Monitoring of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and participation in the monitoring process of the Sustainable Development Goals (provision of digital publication for the period 2010-2017).

d) Within the scope of **organisational management**:

- ▶ Statistics Portugal was recognised with the distinction, received in 2018, with the 1st prize in the “Large Companies” category and with the “Healthy Workplace Seal” from the responsibility of the Portuguese Psychologists’ Association, within the scope of Occupational Health and Safety.
- ▶ Fulfilment of the objectives outlined in 2018 regarding the removal of asbestos cement roofing (with asbestos content), totalling 22 tonnes of building materials.
- ▶ Implementation of an Emergency Management System, with evacuation drills in all premises of Statistics Portugal.

In the whole of Statistics Portugal and Other National Authorities, in 2018, a total of 729 full-time human resources were used (621.3 from Statistics Portugal¹ and 107.7 from the ONA) and the costing of the activities of this financial year from the perspective of Patrimonial Accounting² totalled the value of €32,217,243, 87.6 % of Statistics Portugal’s responsibility.

It should also be noted that at Statistics Portugal, the self-assessment of the QUAR 2018 reached 112.581%, justifying, consequently, the proposal to award the mention of Good.

The actual expenditure implemented according to the Public Accounting System (€30,062,892.80), method used in the context of the QUAR, was 6% lower than the expenditure initially planned. This financial implementation continued under measures aimed at optimising budget implementation, the systematic adoption of measures of rigour and rationalisation in the implementation of operating expenditure and the costs of statistical activity, and had to accommodate the legally imposed restrictions on the initial State Budget allocation.

¹ Number of employees in the 2018 Statistics Portugal’s Social Balance: 632.

² It should be noted that the balance sheet accounting approach takes into account the activity costing method used by Statistics Portugal, which allows costs to be identified by statistical and non-statistical areas reported by both Statistics Portugal and the ONAs.